

**VILLAGE OF CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
6:00 PM  
APRIL 23, 2014**

**ROLL CALL: BIRO, BLOAM, CONTIPELLI, DUSZYNSKI, HARRIS, HENLEY**

Ms. Biro made the motion to excuse Ms. Henley from the Workshop, seconded by Ms. Duszynski. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**COMMENTS:**

Mr. Contipelli wanted to remind everyone of some of the events that will be coming up in the near future.

Our final Economic Development Meeting for the summer will be on May 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday at 5:00 pm. Ms. Duszynski made the recommendation to hold the meetings on the same months we have Council Workshops, and he agreed, so the next meeting after May 6<sup>th</sup> will be in October. The Finance Committee will be the same thing. The next Finance Committee will be on May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm and we won't have another meeting until October.

At 4:00 pm on May 6<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Contipelli is meeting with Derrick Schafer from West Creek who is working on the Mill Creek Watershed Action Plan with Silverload and the Mayor, so if anyone would like to sit in they are always welcome.

The Mayors next networking breakfast at 8:30 am, on Friday May 9<sup>th</sup>, so if you haven't signed up, please get a hold of Lee Ann.

Lastly, we have the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber holding the State of the School luncheon on May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 am. If you haven't signed up for that, make sure you get in your response to Lee Ann.

## **CLERKS REPORT**

### **COMMENTS:**

Nothing at this time.

## **MAYORS REPORT**

### **COMMENTS:**

Miss Poppy will be attending our next Council Meeting, so be sure to bring some extra money.

Scotty spoke to me this afternoon about the replacement for Ron Vanloozen at the Service Department. Ron will be moving to South Carolina and we will need to replace his part time position at the Service Department. Scotty is looking for a replacement with minimal requirements, and if there is a resident, we will look at them. If not, we will go outside the Village. Ron is a great worker, and we need to find someone equally as capable. This person will be held to a 90 day probation period as it relates to employment.

He gave Council an update on the traffic cameras. During a four day period, there were just shy of 8,000 vehicles passing the cameras, with only a few over the limitations, but nothing dramatic. May 8<sup>th</sup> will be the end of our grace period, and then we will start writing citations. He will have more data at the next Council Caucus.

There was a lengthy heated discussion about the new Firefighters Credit Union building, and how close it is to the street, and how it looks. The Mayor showed Council the November 2013 newsletter which had a rendering of the building completed, and it is identical to what is being constructed. He questioned Ms. Harris, and why she was not happy with the building and the project. She asked the Mayor why she was the only one on Council being questioned. He stated that he heard from fellow Council people that she was badmouthing the project. Ms. Harris stated that residents were questioning her, and how close it was to the street. She was asked if she liked the distance to the street and she said it is not particularly favorable to her, but it is done and we can't change it. Ms. Harris stated that she felt this was a personal attack on her and not directed to the Council as a whole. The Mayor stated that he doesn't want anyone on Council to start spinning the facts and making it something negative. He does not want anyone to take their own political rhetoric to make their own understanding that is not even close to the truth.

The Mayor stated that this was a good sound financial decision for our Village, and other communities are praising our efforts to bring in new businesses, and using us as an example to do the same thing in their own communities. He was glad to bring this project to our community, and asked Ms., Harris “what have you done for the Village?” Ms. Harris said I am not answering any more of your questions, and we are done with this conversation.

**LAW DIRECTORS REPORT:**

Mr. Greenberg wanted to let all of Council know that he is working on some housekeeping concerning the speed limits on all of the streets in our Village, and he will be drafting legislation for this at the next Council Meeting.

WHEREFORE, there being no further business before this Council, Ms. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Contipelli that the Work Session be adjourned. All voting aye, none opposed; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.